

Paratilapia codringtonii.D. XV 14-15. A. III 10. Sq. 35-36 $\frac{4}{12}$. L. lat. $\frac{21-24}{14-16}$.

Depth of body twice, or a little less than twice, in total length, length of head 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ times. Eye 5 times in length of head, $1\frac{2}{3}$ times in length of snout; maxillary not extending to below anterior border of eye; jaws equal in front; teeth in 3 series, outer rather large; 4 or 5 series of scales on the cheek; 11 or 12 gill-rakers on lower part of anterior arch. Dorsal spines increasing in length to the last, which measures a little more than $\frac{1}{2}$ length of head; soft dorsal and anal acutely pointed. Pectoral a little shorter than head. Caudal peduncle much deeper than long. Scales not denticulate. Brownish, darker on the back, the scales lighter in the centre, a black opercular spot; dorsal purplish, edged with orange; ventrals purplish; anal and caudal orange.

Total length 300 mm.

Three specimens from the Zambesi above Victoria Falls.

LXV.—A new *Pogonomys* presented to the British Museum
by Sir William Ingram. By OLDFIELD THOMAS.

IN a collection of mammals obtained by Mr. W. Stalker while on the recent successful expedition sent out by Sir William Ingram in search of living paradise-birds there occur a number of specimens of the following new species of *Pogonomys*:—

Pogonomys vates, sp. n.Near *P. lamia*, Thos., but colour redder and teeth smaller.

Size medium. Fur soft and woolly, about 8 mm. in length on the back. General colour above greyish ochraceous buff or rufous, darkened on the back, clearer and more rufous on the sides. Under surface pure white, the hairs white to their bases. Muzzle rather lighter buffy. Whiskers very long and numerous, 6-7 cm. in length. Eyes with a narrow blackish rim. Ears naked, grey, fairly long, laid forward in a spirit-specimen they reach to the centre of the eye, narrowly oval, more or less pointed; in *P. lepidus* they are shorter, with more or less truncated ends. Outer sides of arms and legs like body, inner sides white; hands and feet almost naked, the sparse fine hairs white. Tail long, coarsely and roughly scaled, with a fair number of minute hairs on it,

although, of course, far more naked than in an average *Mus*; on the other hand, in *P. lepidus* the tail is smooth and hairless, as in *Uromys*.

Skull very much as in *P. lamia*, except that the zygomata are not so remarkably expanded outwards anteriorly, but are of normal expansion; nasals rather narrower; palatal foramina even more narrow and contracted, contrasting with the more open ones of *P. lepidus*. Teeth of similar structure, but markedly smaller, quite unusually small in proportion to the size of the skull.

Dimensions of the type (measured in the flesh):—

Head and body 120 mm.; tail 183; hind foot 25; ear 16.

Skull: greatest length 31.6; basilar length 25.5; zygomatic breadth 18; interorbital breadth 4.7; palatilar length 13.7; diastema 9; palatal foramina 4.2 × 1.5; upper molar series 4.6.

Hab. Madeu, Upper St. Joseph's R., about 50 miles N.E. of Hall Sound, British New Guinea. Alt. 2000–3000'.

Type. Old female. B.M. no. 8. 10. 8. 7. Original number 585. Collected June 1908 by W. Stalker. Presented by Sir William Ingram, Bart.

This species is most closely allied to *P. lamia*, Thos., but is readily distinguishable by the more normal expansion of its zygomata and its smaller teeth.

Mr. Stalker obtained together a large number of specimens of this and *P. lepidus*, which he did not distinguish from each other, and which are, indeed, so remarkably alike externally that it needs a close examination of their tails and ears to separate them. Their size, proportions, and colour are quite the same, but *P. vates* has a coarse-scaled tail with a certain amount of hairs on it, so that it feels rough to a hand passed along it from tip towards body, while the tail of *P. lepidus* has smooth close-set scales without hairs, and feels equally smooth whichever way it is stroked.

LXVI.—*A new Akodon from Tierra del Fuego.*

By OLDFIELD THOMAS.

FROM our generous correspondent Mr. J. A. Wolffsohn, of Valparaiso, we have recently received a tuco-tuco and a mouse obtained by Dr. France in Tierra del Fuego. The former may be referred to *Ctenomys fueginus*, Phil., but the latter appears to be new, and may be called